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Honorable Frank Church
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Church,

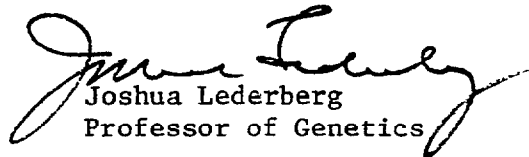
Having been actively involved in the efforts that led to the recent BW treaty, I am most interested in the hearings on the testing and retention of B/CW agents by the CIA. May I be on your committee's mailing list to receive these hearings when they are published - before they are out of print?

I am a little puzzled by the press' assumption that the CIA's retention of shellfish toxin (whatever else may be said of it!) is in violation of the actual language of the BW treaty. Has your committee made such a finding?

One of my concerns about the disposition of those materials is that the issue is in such bad odor that no one is willing to publicly assert the suggestion that indeed they might have real public health significance - in the right hands they could be very important in developing antidotes to red tide poisoning (and would be very costly to prepare anew).

Could your committee see to it that these materials are impounded until a rational public policy can be worked out?

Sincerely yours,


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